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SUBJ: CENTO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEET IN TEHRAN

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE CENTO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AS PROVIDED BY THE CENTO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE.

2. TEHRAN, MAY 15, 1977 - THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION (CENTO), WHICH WAS INAUGURATED BY THE MESSAGE OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR, READ BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA, PRIME MINISTER OF IRAN, HELD THEIR 24TH SESSION IN TEHRAN ON MAY 14-15, 1977.

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THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY:

IRAN H.E. DR. ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PAKISTAN H.E. MR. S. GHIA S UDDIN AHMAD, AMBASSADOR OF

PAKISTAN TO IRAN

TURKEY H.E. MR. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

UNITED KINGDOM THE RT. HON. DAVID OWEN, SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.
UNITED STATES THE HON. CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE

3. FOLLOWING AN ADDRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRAN, OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY LEADERS OF THE DELEGATIONS AND BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SHAHANSHAH'S GRACIOUS MESSAGE AND FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT. H.E. MR. UNIT HALUK BAYULKEN, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION PRESIDED AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE SESSION. HIS EXCELLENCY DR. A.A. KHALATBARY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF IRAN, PRESIDED AT SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

4. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONDUCTED A WIDE-RANGING AND CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF INTEREST IN THE CENTO AREA, AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE REGION. THE MINISTER PLEDGED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION AND REAFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE REGION.

5. DURING THEIR WARM AND FREINDLY DISCUSSIONS THE MINISTERS EXPLAINED THEIR POSITIONS AND THEIR VIEWS REGARDING THE PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN
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VIGILANCE IN THE REGION WERE REAFFIRMED.

6. THE MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED PROGRESS TOWARDS FURTHER PROMOTING COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE IN THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS. IN REVIEWING THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THEY DIRECTED THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WAYS OF EXPANDING ITS WORK IN THE FORM OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THEY ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE EXPANDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND MASS MEDIA PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CENTO.

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7. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. THEY AGREED THAT THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES TO CONSTITUTE A GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. THEY REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT RESULTING IN A JUST, HONOURABLE AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN AREA AS A WHOLE.

8. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE AND EXPRESSED THEIR SINCEREST HOPES THAT THE REVIEW CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE TO BE HELD IN BELGRADE LATER THIS YEAR, WOULD LEAD TO A FURTHER RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTERS ONCE AGAIN STRESSED THAT SECURITY IN THE CENTO REGION CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT RELATED ELEMENT.

9. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE,
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AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG THE PARTNERS IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

10. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR BELIEF THAT ALL BILATERAL QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIPS

AND SOLIDARITY WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER IMPROVING THEIR COOPERATION.

11. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE PROGRESS MADE IN COUNTERING THE THREAT OF SUBVERSION IN THE REGION AND REAFFIRMED THEIR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ELIMINATE THIS THREAT.

12. IN REVIEWING EVENTS WITHIN THE CENTO REGION DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION, SOLIDARITY, AND FRIENDSHIP, DEMONSTRATED BY THE CENTO MEMBER COUNTRIES BY BEING AMONG THE FIRST TO COME TO THE AID OF THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN EAST ANATOLIA.

13. IN CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, WHICH CONTAINS MANY VALUABLE RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE REGION SO AS TO PROMOTE FURTHER THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

14. THE MINISTERS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON DURING APRIL, 1978.
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